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|  | 09/293,536  | Fernandez                                  |  |  |  |
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| application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely fill Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 3   | ed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fe                             |  |  |  |  |
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| 2. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).  |   |  |  |  |  |
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| (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.  |   |  |  |  |  |
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